Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as indicated hereafter.

1. (Currently Amended) A portable cellular telephone, comprising:

an antenna; and

control logic configured to monitor cellular service request signals detected by said antenna, ~~a plurality of said cellular~~ each of said cellular service request signals transmitted from a respective one of a plurality of remote cellular devices directly to said ~~antenna, said plurality of cellular signals~~ antenna and including a unique identifier of said respective one remote cellular device and a unique identifier of a respective cellular tower for servicing ~~identifiers of~~ said respective one remote cellular ~~devices,~~ device, said control logic further configured to store, based on said cellular service request signals, [[~~said~~]] unique identifiers of said remote cellular devices such that said control logic can determine, based on said stored unique identifiers, which of said remote cellular devices are within a direct transmission range of said portable cellular telephone, wherein said control logic is configured ~~and to receive a request to transmit to a remote cellular device~~ to transmit directly to at least one remote cellular device if said control logic determines, based on said stored unique identifiers, that said at least one remote cellular device is within a direct transmission range of said portable cellular telephone ~~make a determination, in response to said request, as to whether a unique identifier of said remote cellular device is stored in said portable cellular telephone, said control logic further configured to transmit a cellular signal based on said determination~~.

2. (Previously Presented) The telephone of claim 1, further comprising:

a lens; and

a conversion mechanism configured to convert light received via said lens into digital data,

wherein said control logic is configured to include said digital data in said cellular signal transmitted by said control logic.

3. (Previously Presented) The telephone of claim 1, wherein said control logic is configured to transmit a service request signal to a cellular tower.

4. (Currently Amended) The telephone of claim 1, wherein said control logic is further configured to include a cellular tower identifier in at least one [[~~said~~]] cellular signal ~~transmitted by said control logic~~ destined for said at least one remote cellular device, if said control logic ~~fails to determine in said determination that said remote cellular device is identified by one of said signals detected by said antenna~~ determines, based on said stored unique identifiers, that said at least one remote cellular device is not within a direct transmission range of said portable cellular telephone.

5. (Currently Amended) The telephone of claim 1, wherein said control logic is further configured to define [[~~said~~]] at least one cellular signal such that, if said control logic determines, based on said stored unique identifiers, that said at least one remote cellular device is not within a direct transmission range of said portable cellular telephone, ~~in said determination that said remote cellular device is identified by one of said signals detected by said antenna,~~ any cellular tower that receives said at least one cellular signal ignores said at least one cellular signal.

6. (Currently Amended) The telephone of claim 1, wherein said control logic is configured to define [[~~said~~]] at least one cellular signal transmitted by control logic such that, if said control logic determines, based on said stored unique identifiers, that said at least one remote cellular device is within a direct transmission range of said portable cellular telephone, ~~in said determination that said remote device is identified by one of said cellular signals detected by said antenna,~~ said remote cellular device is responsive to said at least one cellular signal transmitted by said control logic.

7. (Currently Amended) The telephone of claim 6, wherein said control logic is configured to define said at least one cellular signal transmitted by said control logic such that, if said control logic determines, based on said stored unique identifiers, that said at least one remote cellular device is not within a direct transmission range of said portable cellular telephone, ~~in said determination that said remote cellular device is not identified by one of said cellular signals detected by said antenna,~~ a cellular tower is responsive to said at least one cellular signal transmitted by said control logic.

8. (Currently Amended) A portable cellular telephone for transmitting cellular signals, comprising:

an antenna; and

control logic configured to maintain a list of cellular device identifiers identifying remote cellular devices within a direct transmission range of said portable cellular telephone, said control logic configured to store in said list an identifier identifying a remote cellular device in response to a first determination that said remote cellular device is within a direct transmission range of said portable cellular

telephone, said control logic configured to transmit, via said antenna, a cellular signal that identifies [[a]] said remote cellular device, said control logic further configured to make a second determination as to whether said remote cellular device is within a direct transmission range of said portable cellular telephone~~, said determination made~~ by searching [[a]] said list ~~of cellular device identifiers~~ and locating in said list ~~one of said identifiers corresponding to~~ said identifier identifying said remote cellular device, said control logic further configured to define said cellular signal based on said second determination.

9. (Previously Presented) The telephone of claim 8, further comprising:

a lens; and

a conversion mechanism configured to convert light received via said lens into digital data,

wherein said control logic is further configured to include said data in said cellular signal.

10. (Previously Presented) The telephone of claim 8, wherein said control logic is configured to transmit a service request signal to a cellular tower.

11. (Currently Amended) The telephone of claim 8, wherein said control logic is configured to detect whether said telephone has received a cellular signal transmitted from said remote cellular device and to make said first determination based on whether said control logic has detected said cellular signal transmitted from said remote cellular device.

12. (Currently Amended) The telephone of claim 8, wherein said control logic is configured to transmit said cellular signal directly to said remote cellular device, if said control logic determines in said second determination that said remote cellular device is within [[~~said~~]] a direct transmission range of said portable cellular telephone.

13. (Previously Presented) The telephone of claim 8, wherein said remote cellular device, based on said cellular signal, is configured to interface, with a user of said remote cellular device, data included in said cellular signal.

14. (Currently Amended) The telephone of claim 8, wherein said control logic is configured to define said cellular signal such that a cellular tower is responsive to said cellular signal, if said control logic determines in said second determination that said remote cellular device is not within [[~~said~~]] a direct transmission range of said portable cellular telephone.

15. (Currently Amended) The telephone of claim 14, wherein said control logic is configured to define said cellular signal such that said cellular tower is non-responsive to said cellular signal, if said control logic determines in said second determination that said remote cellular device is within [[~~said~~]] a direct transmission range of said portable cellular telephone.

16. (Currently Amended) A cellular transmission method, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

monitoring a plurality of cellular service request signals transmitted directly from remote cellular devices to an antenna of a portable cellular telephone, said cellular service request signals including unique identifiers of said remote cellular devices and unique identifiers of cellular towers;

storing said unique identifiers of said remote cellular devices from said cellular service request signals;

detecting a transmission request at said cellular telephone;

determining, in response to said detecting [[~~step~~]], whether ~~a unique identifier of~~ a remote cellular device identified by said transmission request is within a direct transmission range of said cellular telephone based on said stored unique identifiers of said remote cellular devices ~~is stored in said cellular telephone~~; and

transmitting, based on said determining step, a cellular signal from said cellular telephone to said remote cellular communication device identified by said transmission request.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, further comprising ~~the step of~~ transmitting a ~~request for~~ cellular service request signal from said cellular telephone to a cellular tower.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, further comprising ~~the step of~~ defining said cellular signal transmitted in said transmitting [[~~step~~]] such that said cellular tower is non-responsive to said cellular signal.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, further comprising ~~the steps of~~:

capturing an image via said cellular telephone;

defining said image in data; and

including said data in said cellular signal transmitted in said transmitting [[~~step~~]].

20. (Currently Amended) A cellular transmission method, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

receiving cellular service request signals at a portable cellular telephone, each of said cellular service request signals including a respective cellular device identifier and a respective cellular tower identifier;

detecting a transmission request at said cellular telephone;

searching a list of cellular device identifiers corresponding to said cellular service request signals received in said receiving [[~~step~~]]; and

transmitting a cellular signal from said cellular telephone directly to a remote cellular communication device identified by said transmission request if ~~said~~ an identifier of said remote cellular device is located in said list [[~~in~~]] via said searching [[~~step~~]].

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20, further comprising ~~the step of~~ transmitting a cellular service request signal from said cellular telephone to a cellular tower.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20, further comprising ~~the steps of~~:

capturing an image via said cellular telephone;

defining said image in data; and

including said data in said cellular signal transmitted in said transmitting [[~~step~~]].

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20, wherein said determining [[~~step~~]] includes ~~the step of~~ determining whether said cellular telephone has received a signal transmitted from said remote cellular communication device.

24-26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) The telephone of claim 1, wherein said control logic is further configured to store in memory a list of entries corresponding to said monitored cellular service request signals.

28. (Currently Amended) The telephone of claim [[~~26~~]] 27, wherein said control logic is further configured to search said list ~~of monitored cellular signals~~ for an entry corresponding to said at least one remote cellular device.

29. (Currently Amended) The telephone of claim 28, wherein if said control logic locates an entry corresponding to said at least remote cellular device, said at least one remote cellular device is determined by said control logic to be within a direct transmission range of said portable cellular telephone ~~control logic is further configured to transmit a signal directly to said remote cellular device~~.

30. (Currently Amended) A portable cellular telephone, comprising:

memory;

a microphone configured to convert sounds into voice data; and

control logic configured to monitor cellular signals received by said portable cellular telephone directly from remote cellular telephones and to store identifiers from said cellular signals in said memory in response to determinations that remote cellular devices identified by said identifiers are respectively within a direct transmission range of said portable cellular telephone, ~~each of said identifiers identifying a respective one of said remote cellular telephones,~~ said control logic configured to make, in response to a request for establishing a communication session with a particular cellular telephone, a determination as to whether said particular cellular telephone is within a direct transmission range of said portable cellular telephone based on whether an identifier of said particular cellular telephone is stored in said memory, said control logic further configured to transmit, during said communication session, said voice data directly to said particular cellular telephone based on said determination if said particular cellular telephone is determined to be within said direct transmission range.

31. (Previously Presented) The portable cellular telephone of claim 30, wherein said particular cellular telephone has a microphone configured to convert sounds into a set of voice data, and wherein said particular cellular telephone is configured to transmit said set of voice data to said portable cellular telephone during said communication session.

32. (Previously Presented) The portable cellular telephone of claim 31, wherein said portable cellular telephone is configured to receive said set of voice data from a cellular base station.

33. (Currently Amended) The portable cellular telephone of claim 30, wherein said control logic is configured to maintain a list of identifiers that identify remote cellular telephones within said transmission range, said control logic configured to store each of said identifiers from said cellular signals within said list and to analyze said list, in response to said request, to make said determination.

34. (New) The telephone of claim 8, wherein said control logic is configured to remove, from said list, said identifier identifying said remote cellular device in response to a third determination that said remote cellular device is no longer within a direct transmission range of said portable cellular telephone.

35. (New) The telephone of claim 16, further comprising:

maintaining a list of unique identifiers received from said service request signals; and

updating said list in response to determinations that remote cellular devices identified by said unique identifiers in said list are no longer in a direct transmission range of said cellular telephone,

wherein said determining is based on said list.

36. (New) The method of claim 35, wherein each identifier in said list identifies a respective remote cellular device within a direct transmission range of said cellular telephone.